

# Minutes of the Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting February 28, 2023, at the Offices of Skelly & Loy

## **OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Rich DiStanislao, Chuck Swanderski, Bob Pennell, Trip McGarvey, Steve Long, Frances O’Gorman, Joseph Connor, George Dodson, Becca Fronk, Andy Link and Willie Bixler (in person), plus Fran Barilar and Jim Suleski (via teleconference).

President DiStanislao called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A motion was carried to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2022 Board Meeting as previously submitted to all board members.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer McGarvey requested approval of the following measures for transitioning to the new fiscal year 2024 which begins on April 1, 2023. Individual motions were carried to approve the following 3 items:

1. Authority to sign checks will be granted to Trip McGarvey, Russ Collins, and the new President and new Treasurer.
2. The chapter’s physical address will be that of the new Treasurer.
3. Credit cards will be issued to Russ Collins and the new President.

It was noted that copies of the February Board Meeting Minutes and the March 31 Election Results signed by the current secretary are also required.

Upon review of the proposed operating budget for FY2024, a motion was carried to approve a total of \$45,090.00 in operating expenses. It was also noted that the \$22,000 income from our Small Games of Chance License raffles must be spent only for conservation-related activities.

## **MARCH 28 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Election of officers and board members:** Collins has agreed to serve as vice president, conditioned on not being considered for succession to president. Dodson will not seek re-election to the board. Two additional candidates are to be contacted to determine their interest in serving on the board. Link will send out a Constant Contact email listing the candidates prior to the meeting.

**Term assignments for board members:** All new board members will serve 3-year terms, with terms for re-elected board members adjusted according to their tenure.

**Strategic Plan presentation:** The chapter’s proposed 5-year Strategic Plan will be presented to the members, along with a call for staffing the committees as outlined in the plan.

**Gerald Miller Volunteer Award & Passing of the Net:** Swanderski reported that he had received several nominations for the Volunteer Award. At the request of board members, Pennell will furnish the names of the award recipients since 2015. Barilar

reported that due to wear and tear over the years, the ceremonial net will be replaced before passing on to this year's recipient.

**Overall plans for meeting:** Individual tables will be set up for volunteers to sign up for the various committees, and snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided for all who attend. A door prize and individual prizes as incentives for volunteer sign-ups will be raffled off.

### **PROJECT HEALING WATERS**

In an effort to re-constitute interest in a veterans fishing program, Swanderski has contacted Glenn Klinger and John Killinger who would be interested in working with our chapter on a much more casual basis than what was considered to be much too restrictive when presented several years ago.

### **CALENDAR EVENTS FOR 2023**

Participation in the following events is planned for this year:

- Wildwood Wetlands Festival – Saturday, April 29
- Ned Smith Festival – Saturday, July 29
- Chapter Picnic – Sunday, August 27
- Ladies Fishing Day – Saturday, October 7

There was also discussion concerning a belated celebration at the August picnic for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our chapter's founding, and it was also decided after discussion that the schedule for chapter membership meetings should remain as is, with the possibility of holding mini-events between scheduled meetings.

### **FLY TYING CLASSES**

DiStanislao reported that 12 people (including 5 chapter members) have signed up for the beginners course and 13 people (including 2 chapter members) have signed up for intermediate classes.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

McGarvey reminded us that individual's volunteer hours for this fiscal year are due by April 1, and should be reported as either Conservation, Community Activity or Administration duties.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bob Pennell**

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Chapter Secretary